

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: August 25, 2014
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Business

- *Four Corners Sanitary Sewer Project* – Please note the following important upcoming dates for the [Four Corners Sanitary Sewer Project](#):
 - Community Information Session, August 27, 2014, 1:30 PM, Mansfield Senior Center
 - Four Corners Advisory Committee, August 26, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Open House, August 27, 2014, 4:30 PM, Mansfield Public Library
 - Special Town Council/Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting, September 2, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Also related to the Four Corners project, staff has prepared a second direct mail piece for distribution to the voters. This mailing is similar to pieces we have produced in the past in advance of previous bond referenda, and will provide the voters with information regarding the reasons for conducting the project as well as related financial information. We have included the usual disclaimer that the bulletin has been prepared by the Town and sent for educational purposes only, as the Town Council has not yet voted to send the project to the voters. The printer will distribute the mailing by the end of this week.

Departmental Reports

- *Parks and Recreation* – The Community Center held its annual week-long shut-down for maintenance from 8/11/14 – 8/17/14. We would like to compliment the staff of Parks and Recreation and Facilities Maintenance for their work on the attached list of accomplishments.
- *Town Manager/Police* – Students returned to campus this past weekend and our Resident Troopers Office and the UCONN Police Department were busy. We saw some large parties and lots of foot traffic, especially Saturday night. Police issued nuisance tickets and made several DUI arrests. The police also dealt with fights and one student was seriously injured at Carriage House (not life-threatening). On a positive note, in their capacity as special constables for the Town of Mansfield the UCONN Police have agreed to issue citations for violations of municipal ordinances; this will create an additional deterrent to problematic behavior and I commend UCONN Police Chief O'Connor for her leadership in this regard. As in the past, our resident troopers will refer student information to the University and work with the UCONN police to address these public safety concerns. The first few weekends of the fall semester are generally the most challenging, and I thank the resident troopers and UCONN officers for their good work on behalf of our community.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* – Work in Mansfield this week will include the surveying and installation of foundations in the vicinity of Stafford Road and Highland Road, the installation of overhead lines in the vicinity of South Bedlam Road and Bassetts Bridge Road in Mansfield Hollow State Park, and the installation of a foundation and new transmission structures in the vicinity of Crane Hill Road and Mansfield City Road. Weekly construction updates can be found at www.NEEWSprojects.com. Residents can also call 1-866-99NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or email NEEWS@NU.com for more information.

- **Storrs Center**
 - Closure of Wilbur Cross Way – At the request of Centerplan Construction, the master developer's general contractor for Phase II of Storrs Center, the Town has closed the portion of Wilbur Cross Way between Royce Circle and the Price Chopper/University Plaza driveway through March 31, 2015. We granted the approval due to public safety concerns, as the contractor is working on both sides of the road. The approval is subject to key conditions such as providing access for public safety personnel and emergency vehicles, as well as the repair of any damage to the town's roadway and related infrastructure.
 - Square Fair – On Friday, August 22nd, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership hosted the third Square Fair on the new Town Square. The Square Fair, an initiative of the Partnership's Advertising and Promotion Committee, is a new monthly series of events that is free and open to the public. We do cancel the event with rain. The next Square Fair will be held on Friday, September 26th. For more information, visit www.mansfieldct.gov/SquareFair. Be sure to "like" the [Square Fair](#) on Facebook and follow [@Square_Fair](#) on Twitter, too!

Upcoming Events

- **Storrs Farmers Market** – On Saturday, August 30 during its regularly scheduled Market, the Storrs Farmers Market will celebrate its 20th anniversary of providing Mansfield with fresh, locally-grown foods. In addition to the usual array of vegetables, fruits, meats, cheeses and baked goods, there will be special guest vendors, including Dog Lane Café, The H. A. Café, and Jean & Milo's Kettle Corn. There will be old-fashioned toys and games for children, and music by Zack Slik. Residents and visitors are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the good food, company, and music! The Market is open every Saturday from May through Thanksgiving, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on the front lawn of the Beck Municipal Building. Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just 12 miles! Visit www.storrsfarmersmarket.org for more information.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Traffic Authority, August 26, 2014, 10:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Playground Committee, August 26, 2014, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Special Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee Meeting, August 26, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Human Services Advisory Committee, August 27, 2014, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Economic Development Commission, August 28, 2014, 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Special Town Council/Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting, September 2, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Agriculture Committee, September 2, 2014, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Mansfield Advocates for Children, September 3, 2014, 5:30 PM, Community Room, Mansfield Community Center
 - Special Planning & Zoning/Inland Wetlands Meeting, September 3, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, September 4, 2014, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Parking Steering Committee, September 4, 2014, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Housing Code Board of Appeals, September 8, 2014, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
 - Town Council, September 8, 2014, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- *Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*